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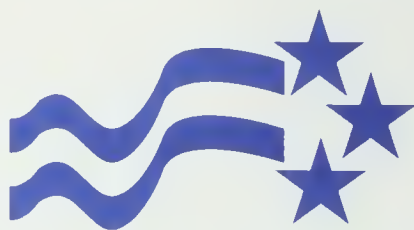
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What Is a Mock Election?

Illinois Students Vote, working in cooperation with the National Student/Parent Mock Election, affords students and their parents an opportunity to participate actively in the political process by simulating an actual election in local schools.

Through class activities, students will study the candidates and issues of the 1998 elections in order to make informed voting decisions.

A Valuable Teaching Tool

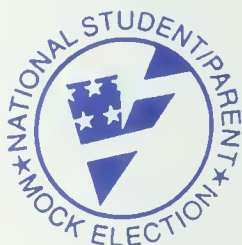
Illinois Students Vote is a valuable teaching tool which has been designed to increase awareness and understanding of the election process, to encourage students and their parents to get involved in the process, and ultimately, to create a generation of voting adults.

Who Can Participate?

Illinois students in kindergarten through 12th grade (and their parents) are eligible to participate and vote in the Mock Election on October 29, 1998.

There are no costs or fees involved.

Participating schools will receive curriculum suggestions and activities. On October 29, Illinois schools will call the state Mock Election headquarters with tabulated votes from their local sites. Tallied state votes will then be called in to the National Student/Parent Mock Election headquarters for election result announcements.





Why Should You and Your Students Participate?

Participating in Illinois Students Vote benefits the whole community by building responsible, contributing, knowledgeable citizens. Activities which are designed to inform and excite students about voting help them understand the need for citizen involvement in a democratic nation. Active participation in a Mock Election, where students learn by doing, roots a habit that will last a lifetime.

All teachers will receive a curriculum plan that will help them:

- ✓ create a classroom political forum,
- ✓ debate current events,
- ✓ integrate government with reading and math,
- ✓ develop critical thinking skills, and
- ✓ promote political discussion between students and parents.

Educate the Leaders of Tomorrow

Students who become involved with the election process early will gain an awareness that their actions count. We must always remember that the students of today will be the leaders of tomorrow.

League of Women Voters units are prepared to assist schools throughout the state. If you need more information, please call 312-939-5935 or fax your request to 312-939-6887.



Student/Parent Mock Election Application

Yes! Our school wishes to participate in Illinois Students Vote for 1998. On Mock Election Day (October 29, 1998), a representative from our school will call in our tabulated results to the Illinois Mock Election headquarters.

Local Coordinator's Name

Title

School

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip Code

Area Code/School Phone Number

FAX Number

e-mail Address

Grade Level of Students Participating

Congressional District Where School is Located

Please return this form by May 15, 1998 to:

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Chicago, Illinois 60604

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- ✓ **Turn Your K-12 Classroom Into a Political Forum**
- ✓ **Integrate Government with Reading and Math**
- ✓ **No Costs or Fees to Participating Schools**

Mock Election Day

October 29, 1998

Hold an election in your class, and call your results in to state and national Mock Election headquarters for election result announcements.

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